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Attorney Docket No. 2481.1403-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ulrich STACHE et al.

Serial No.: 08/897,455

Filed: July 22, 1997

Examiner: B. Badio

Group Art Unit: 1209

For: CORTICOID-17, 21-DICARBOXYLIC ESTERS AND CORTICOSTEROID 17-CARBOXYLIC ESTER 21-CARBONIC ESTERS, PROCESSES FOR THEIR PREPARATION AND PHARMACEUTICALS CONTAINING THESE COMPOUNDS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is an Amendment in response to the final Office action dated November 19, 1997 in the above-identified application. The items checked below are appropriate:

1. /XX/ Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time to respond to said Office action. The fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.
2. /XX/ A check for \$ 110.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension of time is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

In response to the final Office action dated November 19, 1997, kindly enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A corticoid 17,21-dicarboxylic ester or [corticoid] corticosteroid 17-carboxylic ester 21-carbonic ester of the formula I

